

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Dunbarton

1897

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. } *To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dunbarton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Dunbarton on the second Tuesday of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways; and see in what manner the same shall be expended.
4. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before a spcified time, and at what rate.
6. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

MOSES I. PERKINS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Dunbarton.</i>
FREDERICK L. IRELAND,		
IRU C. MERRILL,		

A true copy. Attest:

MOSES I. PERKINS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Dunbarton.</i>
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF DUNBARTON
COMPRISING THOSE OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER, ROAD AGENTS,
AUDITORS, AND TOWN CLERK,
FOR THE
Year Ending February 15, 1897.

CONCORD, N. H.
REPUBLICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.
1897.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Statement of inventory of Dunbarton. April 1, 1896 :

Land and buildings,	\$246,170.00
Stock in trade,	122.95
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	8,112.00
Bank stock,	15.58
164 polls,	16,400.00
230 horses,	9,750.00
50 oxen,	2,307.00
647 cows,	16,193.00
10 neat stock,	202.00
52 sheep,	131.00
8 hogs,	72.00

Statement of taxes, town of Dunbarton, 1896 :

Total valuation,	\$313,190.00
Amount of taxes assessed,	4,447.40
School money,	1,111.00
Town library,	57.60
Highways,	1,282.72
Town charges,	1,200.00
State tax,	960.00
County tax,	1,064.12

Rate per cent. on \$100, \$1.42.

Orders. given by selectmen :

MISCELLANEOUS.

George A. Morrison, clerk of school district, 1895,	\$3.00
Clara A. Smith, member of school-board,	45.00
Horace Caldwell, supervisor, 1895-'96,	8.00

Horace Caldwell, six check-lists,	\$1.50
Henry S. Whipple, selectman, 1895,	63.50
George F. Mills, town clerk, 1895,	25.00
Frederick L. Ireland, selectman,	62.75
E. B. Swett, M. D., returns of births and deaths, to 1895,	3.00
Moody B. Jones, treasurer, 1895,	25.00
John B. Ireland, auditor, 1895,	3.00
Oliver P. Wilson, auditor, 1895,	3.00
Moses J. Perkins, selectman, 1895,	42.00
Frederick L. Ireland, moderator school district, 1895,	1.00
Oliver P. Wilson, treasurer school district, 1895,	10.00
David Story, Jr., auditor, 1893-'94-'95,	3.00
John Bunten, collector, 1895,	43.00
Elbridge C. Brown, member of school-board,	9.00
Republican Press Association, printing town reports,	29.55
Frederick L. Ireland (for trustees of First Congregational society, Dunbarton), interest on town note,	25.00
Otis E. Whipple, supervisor, 1895-'96,	8.00
Frederick L. Ireland, collector's book, dog licenses, blanks. and stationery,	2.22
David P. Walker, member of school-board,	20.00
John B. Ireland, school books, and express,	58.25
John Bunten, freight on shingles, nails, and zinc,	6.34
John D. Bunten, labor on town house,	6.00
John W. Story, 18 M. shingles,	52.20
A. P. Seeton, 14 lbs. zinc,	1.12
Natt P. Hammond, supervisor, 1896,	4.00
Lewis Page, drawing staging poles,	.50
George H. Ryder, lumber for town house,	.30
Edmund R. Angell, analysis of heifer's stomach,	50.00
Frederick L. Ireland (for trustees of First Congregational society), partial payment on town note,	66.66
Frederick L. Ireland, constable, on dog business,	1.00
Caleb Page, cutting bushes in cemetery,	4.00
Will F. Raitt, making and painting guide-boards,	3.00
John B. Ireland, school supplies,	14.52
John Bunten, school supplies,	1.83
Ernest Murphy, labor on "Davis" lot, and cutting bushes in cemetery,	2.50

George H. Ryder, town library tax,	\$57.60
Philander M. Lord, labor on town house,	6.00
Frederick L. Ireland (for trustees of First Congregational society), interest on town note to October 1, 1896.	24.17
Lewis H. Wilson, labor on town house,	6.00
John B. Ireland, school supplies,	16.92
Horace Caldwell, supervisor, and check-lists,	4.75
Frank Blaisdell, return of births, 1880 to 1896.	4.50
Moses J. Perkins, order and receipt book,	1.50
Natt P. Hammond, supervisor, 1896,	4.00
Henry S. Whipple, note and interest.	261.04
Henry S. Whipple, election inspector,	2.00
Aaron Barnard, election inspector,	2.00
Edgar F. Straw, constable,	2.00
Frederick L. Ireland, constable,	2.00
George O. Bailey, note and interest.	247.18
Otis B. Greer, labor on town house,	6.00
A. P. Seeton, stove-pipe,	3.78
Moses J. Perkins, care of four tramps.	2.00
Frederick L. Ireland, care of one tramp,	.50
Charles H. Lord, feed and care of town team.	1.67
John B. Ireland, election inspector.	2.00
Albe M. Smith, election inspector,	2.00
John Buntin, janitor of town hall,	27.00
John Buntin, wood, and care of lower hall, for town purposes,	3.00
John Buntin, discount on taxes,	27.81
Frank Eaton, M. D., return of births and deaths, 1895.	1.50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Mary A. Hammond, over-tax.	\$1.42
Joseph Provencher, abatement of tax, 1895.	1.21
Victor Lemay, " " "	1.21
Onez Lemay, " " "	1.21
James Gray, " " "	1.21
Arthur Colby, illegal " "	1.21
Andrew Merrill, illegal " "	1.21
Frank English, abatement of " "	1.70

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Lizzie C. Burnham, board of	Laura Buswell,	\$91.00
John Buntten, supplies furnished	John Cushing, dependent	
soldier,		8.00

HIGHWAY.

George O. Bailey,	1896,	\$15.99
George O. Bailey,	"	137.21
Eugene A. Whipple,	"	30.83
Otis E. Whipple,	"	64.01
Frank C. Woodbury,	"	2.30
"	"	410.10
"	"	136.26
"	"	48.12
"	"	131.85
"	"	70.17
"	"	114.63
"	"	26.01
		\$1,187.48

BOUNTY ON HAWKS.

Moses J. Perkins,	\$4.00
Frederick L. Ireland,	4.50
Ira C. Merrill.	1.00

WATER ON HIGHWAY.

Mary E. Farrar,	1895,	\$3.00
Larkin G. Page,	"	3.00
Sewell E. Hoyt,	"	3.00
Willie F. Page,	"	3.00
John C. Mills,	"	3.00
James E. Stone,	"	1.50
Lewis H. Wilson,	"	3.00
George W. Craine,	"	1.50
Eugene A. Whipple,	"	3.00
Albe M. Smith,	"	3.00

G. W. and H. P. Page, 1895,	\$2.00
David Ferson, 1896,	3.00
James H. Waite, 1894-5,	6.00
John Buntin, 1896,	3.00
Christe M. Wheeler, 1895-6,	6.00

STATEMENT OF NOTES GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON AT
FIVE PER CENT.

No. 1, given First Congregational society of Dun- barton, April 1, 1895,	\$1,000.00
Interest paid up to Oct. 1, 1896.	
Partial payment paid July 1, 1896.	66.66
No. 5, given to Henry S. Whipple, Feb. 1, 1896,	250.00
Principal and interest paid Dec. 19, 1896.	
No. 6, given A. Lincoln Burnham, May 1, 1896,	140.00
Principal and interest paid Dec. 19, 1896.	
No. 7, given Frederick L. Ireland, April 21, 1896,	100.00
No. 8, given George O. Bailey, June 1, 1896,	100.00
Principal and interest paid Dec. 19, 1896.	

Outstanding bills, reported Feb. 15, 1897 :

Moses J. Perkins, services of selectman,	\$56.50
Frederick L. Ireland, services as selectman.	68.50
Ira C. Merrill, services as selectman,	40.00
George F. Mills, services as town clerk.	25.00
Moody B. Jones, services as town treasurer.	25.00
Thomas W. Kimball, services as auditor,	2.00
James E. Stone, services as auditor.	2.00
George A. Morrison, services as school district clerk,	3.00
Frederick L. Ireland, services as moderator, 1896,	1.00
Note due First Congregational society, Dunbarton,	933.34
Note due Frederick L. Ireland,	100.00
John Buntin, collector.	50.00
Orders given and not drawn.	10.50
	\$1,316.84

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding bills,	\$1,316.84
Due on Christe M. Wheeler's collection,	\$19.47
Due on John Bunten's collection, 1896.	897.95
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897,	509.08
	\$1,426.50
Balance in favor of town.	
	\$109.66

Respectfully submitted :

MOSES J. PERKINS,
 FREDERICK L. IRELAND,
 IRA C. MERRILL,

Selectmen of Dunbarton.

Dunbarton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

Town of Dunbarton to Moses J. Perkins. Dr. :

1896.

Mar.	14.	To 1 day on bonds and orders,	\$2.00
	21.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on appointments, drawing jury and orders,	1.00
	28.	1 day on inventory blanks,	2.00
Apr.	1-11.	7 days taking inventory and filing books,	14.00
	15.	1 day on real estate valuation,	2.00
	17-18.	2 days making taxes,	4.00
	20.	1 day on returns and road business,	2.00
	21.	1 day on road business,	2.00
	23-26.	3 days buying town team and expenses,	9.00
May	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing collector,	1.00
	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Concord on pauper business,	1.00
June.		1 day selling town team,	2.00
Oct.	17.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town warrants,	1.00
Nov.	3.	1 day at November election.	2.00
Dec.	19.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating jury-box and paying town notes,	1.00

1897.

Feb.	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making pauper and bounty accounts, \$1.00	
		placing guide-boards,	.50
	15-16.	2 days at settlement and making town re- ports,	4.00
		2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days with road agent,	5.00
			\$56.50

Town of Dunbarton to Frederick L. Ireland, Dr. :

1896.

Mar.	14.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day on bonds and orders,	\$1.00
	21.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on appointments, drawing jury and orders,	1.00
	23.	1 day appointing board of health and sex- tons,	2.00
	28.	1 day on inventory blanks,	2.00
	31.	1 day at Concord with cattle commissioners to pay for town reports and supplies.	2.00
Apr.	1-9.	6 days taking inventory,	12.00
	10.	1 day on inventory books,	2.00
	15.	1 day on real estate valuation,	2.00
	17-18.	2 days making taxes,	4.00
	20.	1 day making returns and road business,	2.00
	21.	1 day on road business,	2.00
	22.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on collector's book,	1.00
May	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on dog business and appointing a col- lector,	1.00
	26.	1 day at Concord with county solicitor,	2.00
June	6.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business and placing guide- boards,	1.00
	9.	1 day at Goffstown for shingles, getting staging and help,	2.00
Aug.	25.	1 day at Concord to pay county tax,	2.00
Sept.	5.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors,	1.00
Oct.	17.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town warrants,	1.00
Nov.	3.	1 day at November election,	2.00
Dec.	2.	drawing and posting warrants for special town meeting,	1.50

Dec.	10.	1 day at Concord settling with state treasurer and paying balance of county tax,	\$2.00
	1-9.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating jury-box and paying town notes,	1.00
1897.			
Feb.	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making pauper and bounty accounts.	1.00
	3.	1 day at Concord settling with county commissioners,	2.00
	15-16.	2 days at settlement and making town reports,	4.00
		$2\frac{1}{2}$ days with road agent,	5.00
	18.	1 day at Concord with town reports,	2.00
		1 day recording tax and orders,	5.00
			\$68.50

Town of Dunbarton to Ira C. Merrill, Dr. :

1896.

Mar.	21.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors and orders,	\$1.00
	28.	1 day on inventory blanks,	2.00
Apr.	1-11.	7 days taking inventory and filing book,	14.00
	15.	1 day on real estate valuation,	2.00
	17-18.	2 days making taxes,	4.00
	20.	1 day making returns and road business,	2.00
May	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing collector,	1.00
Oct.	17.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town warrants,	1.00
Nov.	3.	1 day at November election,	2.00
Dec.	19.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating jury-box,	1.00

1897.

Feb.	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making pauper and bounty account.	1.00
	15-16	2 days at settlement and making town reports,	4.00
		$2\frac{1}{2}$ days with road agent,	5.00
			\$40.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Moody B. Jones, in account with the town of Dunbarton, February 15, 1897 :

	DR.
To cash in treasury February 15, 1896,	\$336.49
Davis trust fund, with interest from January 1, 1896,	100.00
town, county, and state tax assessed, 1896,	4,447.40
cash due on C. H. Wheeler's collection, 1894,	52.48
cash due on John Bunten's collection, 1895,	525.34
cash received, interest on John Bunten's collection, 1895,	16.09
" " C. M. Wheeler's " 1894,	5.78
" dog licenses,	82.20
" literary fund,	64.40
" savings bank tax,	1,223.62
" railroad tax,	213.70
" hall rent,	54.00
" selectmen, money hired,	65.00
" sale of town team,	245.00
" cattle commissioners, for analysis of heifer's stomach, by E. R. Angell, one half of whole amount of bill,	25.00
cash received, shingles sold,	9.20
" county, on pauper account,	91.00
" " dependent soldiers,	8.00
" interest on John Bunten's collection, 1896,	4.14
	\$7,568.84

Moody B. Jones, in account with the town of Dunbarton, February 15, 1897 :

	CR.
By cash paid district treasurer, school money, 1897,	\$1,111.00
" " dog money, 1895,	82.80
" " literary money, 1896,	64.40
" state treasurer, state tax,	960.00
" county treasurer, county tax,	1,064.12
" town orders,	2,760.02
Davis trust fund, with interest from January 1, 1896,	100.00

By amount due on John Buntens collection, 1896.	\$897.95
" C. M. Wheelers collection. 1894.	19.47
cash in treasury February 15, 1897.	509.08
	\$7,568.84

This certifies that we, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Dunbarton, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the collectors, selectmen, and treasurer, and have found them to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES E. STONE.

THOMAS W. KIMBALL.

Auditors of Dunbarton.

HIGHWAY AGENT'S REPORT.

O. E. Whipple in account with the town of Dunbarton, 1895-96, December, January, February, and March :

Paid H. Caldwell, for labor on highway.	\$7.00
T. S. Wilson, " "	1.75
P. M. Lord, " "	3.20
F. B. Heselton. " "	1.50
D. Story, Jr., " "	5.00
A. L. Burnham. " "	4.50
Lewis Page, " "	2.25
H. A. Little. " "	3.00
Wm. Heselton. " "	5.00
D. S. Ferson. " "	0.50
Ira M. Colby. " "	0.75
I. C. Merrill, " "	6.37
J. B. Ireland, " "	9.44
O. E. Whipple, " "	10.24
H. Caldwell, for housing road-machine.	1.00
J. Green, " "	1.50
O. E. Whipple, for drawing road-machine to Goffs-	
town,	1.00
	\$64.00

Town of Dunbarton to F. C. Woodbury, Dr. :

1896.

March 23.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day with team.	\$1.00
26,	$\frac{3}{4}$ day with team,	1.50
28.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day with team.	1.00
		\$3.50
April 1.	To man and team repairing washouts,	\$1.00
9.	turning water from road and appointing agents,	.50
13.	work on road.	.50
13.	man and boy chopping ice, 4 hours.	.90
29,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1.00
30.	1 day.	2.00
		\$9.40
Natt Hammond, 1895,	2 hours.	.30
		\$9.70

Town of Dunbarton, Dr., May, 1896 :

Amsden Barnard,	5 days.	\$7.50
James Barnard,	$5\frac{1}{2}$ days.	8.25
Aaron Barnard,	3 days.	4.50
Rodney Boynton, and oxen,	2 days,	6.00
Wesley Barrett,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
Albe Smith,	6 days, 7 hours.	10.05
Sareno Tobey,	3 days,	4.50
John R. Emerson,	$8\frac{1}{2}$ days,	
John R. Emerson, oxen,	$3\frac{1}{2}$ days.	18.00
Chase Brown,	3 days, 4 hours.	5.10
Harvey Boynton,	8 hours.	1.20
Dean Guild,	2 days.	3.00
Edgar Straw,	2 days,	3.00
Page Bros., and oxen,		5.10
George Heath,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2.25
Peter Batchelder,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days.	2.25
Henry Whipple,	1 day.	1.50

Caleb Page, 9 hours,	\$1.35
Natt Sargent, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	0.75
Justus Lord, 2 days,	3.00
Harry Mills, $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	1.28
Harry Mills, oxen and man, 1 day,	3.00
J. C. Mills and boy, 1 day,	2.50
W. Clough, 1 day,	1.50
J. Heselton, 15 days,	22.50
E. Murphy, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days,	12.75
W. Stanyan,	40.62
Tom Haines, 3 hours,	.45
Lewis Page and boy, 1 day,	2.75
S. B. Hammond, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
J. Rogers and man, 1 day,	3.00
E. Heselton, and oxen, 3 days,	9.00
W. Heselton, 1 day,	1.50
Fred Heselton, 1 day,	1.50
Noyes Barnard, 1 day,	1.50
Will Low, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3.75
T. S. Wilson, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2.25
A. L. Burnham, 2 days,	3.00
D. Story, and oxen, 1 day,	3.00
O. Low, 2 days,	1.50
Proctor Little, 2 days,	3.00
M. Hadley, 3 days,	4.50
D. Fersen, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
W. Page, and oxen, 2 days,	6.00
W. Page, two men, 1 day,	3.00
J. Colby, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
N. Colby, 1 day,	1.50
Albert Jones, 2 days,	3.00
E. McCrillis, 1 day,	1.50
S. H. Woodbury, 9 hours,	1.35
E. Whipple, and man, 1 day,	3.00
Colby, 1 day, 8 hours,	2.70
Sanborn, 1 day,	1.50
G. Noyes, and man, 1 day,	3.00
L. Page, and man,	2.40
Warriner, 8 hours,	1.20

G. Crain, 1 day, 8 hours.	\$2.70
J. Haines, and man, 1 day, 8 hours.	5.40
L. Page, labor on highway in spring washout,	8.70
Fred Story, 1 day,	1.50
Aaron Barnard, spring of 1896, shoveling drifts,	3.50
Casting, for road-machine.	1.50
Cutting edge road-machine.	4.50
Express,	1.50
M. Hadley, relaying culvert and repairing wash-	
out,	7.00
W. F. Page, chestnut lumber,	9.22
F. C. Woodbury, running road-machine, 23 days,	51.75
F. C. Woodbury, 1 day,	2.00
J. E. Stone,	.85
March and April bill,	9.70
John Buntin,	19.10
Horace Caldwell, board of town team, and man,	5.36
Albe Smith, " " "	1.00
John Buntin, " " "	.50
Wesley Barrett, " " "	1.00
C. F. M. Stark, " " "	1.00
S. Hoyt, " " "	1.50
Ed. Page, " " "	1.50
F. C. Woodbury, " " "	1.50
H. Mills, " " "	.50
I. C. Merrill, " " "	.50
J. B. Ireland, " " "	.50
F. B. Heselton, " " "	3.50
A. H. Wilson, " " "	.50
David Story, " " "	1.50
W. Heselton, " " "	1.50
Proctor Little, " " "	.67
M. Hadley, " " "	.34
W. Page, " " "	5.01
E. Whipple, " " "	4.50
S. H. Woodbury, " " "	.50
Albert Jones, " " "	.50
L. Page, " " "	1.34

G. Crain,	board of town team and man,	\$1.00
Warriner,	" " "	.67
J. Haines,	" " "	.50
		\$411.11
Overpaid Horace Caldwell,		1.01
		\$410.10

Report of Eugene A. Whipple, road agent, from February 15, 1896, to April 1, 1896:

Paid E. A. Whipple, labor on highway,	\$1.20
E. A. Whipple, " "	1.05
J. Nichols, " "	.30
G. McIntire, " "	1.03
E. A. Whipple, " "	.75
E. A. Whipple, " "	1.00
W. F. Page, " "	6.75
N. J. Colby, " "	3.30
Perley Warriner, " "	4.20
Charles Gould, " "	1.75
O. P. Ellis, " "	2.00
S. H. Woodbury, " "	.75
C. M. Wheeler, " "	1.00
George Noyes, " "	1.50
L. P. Hadley, " "	1.25
E. A. Whipple, 1½ days as road agent,	3.00
	\$30.83

F. C. Woodbury, June, 1896:

June 1.	Four days running road-machine,	\$9.00
8.	Storing road-machine and work on road,	1.00
10.	One day,	2.00
13.	One half day, 2 men, horses and cart,	2.75
15.	One half day, self, horses, plow, etc.,	2.00
15.	Man, 7 hours,	1.05
16.	Self, man, horses, plow, etc.,	5.50
17.	Self, man, horses, plow, ½ day,	2.75
18.	Self, man, horses, 1 day,	5.25
19.	Self, horses, and plow,	2.00

June 20.	One day,	\$2.00
22.	One day,	2.00
23.	One day,	2.00
24.	One day,	2.00
27.	One day,	2.00
29.	One day,	2.00
29.	Horses drawing stone,	.50
Will Stanyan,	4 days,	\$8.00
J. Haselton,	4 days,	6.00
E. Murphy,	4 days,	6.00
C. Lord,	4 days,	6.00
W. Kimball,	1½ days,	2.25
W. Kimball,	4 days covering stones,	1.00
G. Batchelder,	½ day,	.75
G. Waite and oxen,		1.50
Natt Hammond and man,	3 days,	9.00
J. B. Ireland,	sharpening tools,	.25
J. B. Ireland,	shoeing oxen,	1.80
J. Lord,	½ day,	.75
Lee Fenton,	3½ days,	5.25
Will Farrar,	1 day and 7 hours,	2.55
John Sanborn,	8 hours,	1.20
E. Whipple,	1 day,	1.50
C. Lord,	board of team,	6.00
Horace Caldwell,		1.01
— Warriner,	1 day,	1.50
H. Mills,		.25
Caleb Page,	½ day,	.75
Edgar Straw,		3.95
Sareno Tobey,	1 day,	1.50
Chase Brown,	repairing washout in spring,	16.05
John Buntin,		1.80
J. Page,		5.00
Lewis Page,		.50
		\$137.91
Overpaid C. Brown,		1.65
Amount of bill,		\$136.26

F. C. Woodbury, July, 1896 :

July 1.	One half day,	\$1.00
3.	One half day,	1.00
9.	Self, boy, and horse.	2.50
11.	One day,	2.00
14.	One half day,	1.00
28.	One half day, self, boy, and horse.	2.00
30.	One half day,	1.00
Aug. 3.	One day,	2.00
6.	One half day,	1.00
Edgar Haselton,		\$1.50
Ben Lord,		.90
David Sargent, lumber,		6.16
Walter Kimball, 1 hour,		.15
C. Woodbury, 1 day,		1.50
L. Hadley,		.15
John Haines, 1 day,		1.50
John Haines, work in spring,		2.00
L. Page, lumber,		.45
L. Page, 2 hours,		.30
Chase Brown, winter of 1895,		2.50
W. Putney, winter of 1895,		6.25
W. Stanyan, 7 hours,		1.05
J. C. Merrill,		.75
C. Page, 1895,		.50
Harry Mills,		5.00
Harry Page,		1.00
John Page,		1.26
J. Buntin,		1.70
		\$48.12

F. C. Woodbury, September, 1896 :

Sept. 1.	One half day,	\$1.00
2.	One half day,	1.00
3.	One day,	2.00
5.	One day,	2.00

Sept. 8.	One day.	\$2.00
8.	Horses, cart, and plow,	2.00
9.	One day,	2.00
10.	One day,	2.00
11.	Seven hours,	1.40
12.	One day,	2.00
12.	Horses, cart, and plow,	2.00
12.	Boy one half day,	.50
14.	Self, horses, cart, and plow.	4.00
15.	Self, horses, cart, and plow.	4.00
16.	Self, horses, cart, and plow,	4.00
18.	Self, horses, cart, and plow.	4.00
W. Page,	work, and lumber,	21.42
Mr. Stevens.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
Ernest Murphy,	2 days,	3.00
George Mills,	1 day, horses $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	2.13
Cavis Mills and boy,	1 day,	2.50
Harry Mills and man,	1 day,	3.00
Chase Brown,	7 hours,	1.05
Chase Brown,	2 men and horses.	4.75
Chase Brown,		2.40
C. B. Dickey and horses,		4.75
C. B. Dickey and horses,		2.75
C. B. Dickey and man,		1.50
W. Stanyan,	3 days.	4.50
L. Page,	3 hours,	.45
Albe Smith,	horses and plow.	5.00
Sareno Tobey,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
G. O. Waite,	1895,	4.00
John Bunten,		.80
Lee Fenton,	6 days and 3 hours,	9.45
Natt Colby,	2 days, horses and cart,	6.50
Ossian Ellis,	1 day. horses and cart.	3.25
		\$120.60
Overdrawn,		11.25
		\$131.85

F. C. Woodbury, October, 1896 :

Oct.	1, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	\$1.00
	5. Self, man, horses and cart, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	3.12
	9. $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1.00
	11. 1 day,	2.00
	16. 1 day,	2.00
	16. Horse,	.75
	17. 1 day,	2.00
	19. $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1.00
	19. Man, horses, and cart,	1.65
	20. 1 day,	2.00
	20. Man, horse, and cart,	2.50
	21. 1 day,	2.00
	22. 1 day,	2.00
	22. Man, horses, and plow,	3.50
	23. 1 day,	2.00
	23. Man and horses,	2.25
	24. 1 day,	2.00
	24. Man and horse,	1.50
	26. 1 day,	2.00
	26. Horse, drawing plank,	.50
	27. 1 day,	2.00
	27. Horse, drawing plank,	.75
	28. 1 day,	2.00
	28. Horse,	.25
	29. 1 day,	2.00
	Lee Fenton, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6.75
	J. Haynes, man and boy,	2.25
	J. C. Merrill,	6.25
	F. B. Heselton,	.75
	Otis Greer,	1.50
	T. S. Wilson and horse,	1.80
	G. Noyes,	1.50
	J. Sanborn,	1.50
	A. Colby,	1.50
	Caleb Page,	1.50
	L. Fitts and man,	3.00
	H. Smith,	1.20

Natt Hammond, '95.	\$1.00
G. Waite, '95.	3.65
J. Barnard.	1.50
O. Ellis.	.50
Natt Colby.	1.50
	\$81.42
Overdrawn on September bill.	11.25
	\$70.17

F. C. Woodbury, November, 1896 :

Nov. 5. 1 day.	\$2.00
6. 1 day.	2.00
9. 1 day.	2.00
9. Horse.	.50
10. 1 day.	2.00
10. Horse.	.25
11. 1 day.	2.00
11. Man, 6 hours.	.90
11. Horse.	.75
11. Oxen.	1.50
12. 1 day.	2.00
13. Drawing plank.	.25
14. Repairing bridge.	1.50
16. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	1.00
17. 1 day.	2.00
18. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	1.00
19. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	1.00
19. Boy.	.50
19. Oxen, 3 hours.	.45
20. Self and boy.	1.10
21. Self and boy.	1.10
21. Oxen, 2 hours.	.30
23. 1 day.	2.00
24. 1 day.	2.00
24. Boy.	.50
28. 1 day.	2.00
Amsden Barnard, 1 day.	1.50
Lee Fenton, 5 days.	7.50

Aaron Barnard,	\$3.26
A. Smith,	2.10
J. B. Ireland, lumber,	1.75
J. B. Ireland, sharpening drills,	.30
A. Barnard, 8 hours,	1.20
J. Barnard, 8 hours,	1.20
C. F. M. Stark, lumber,	2.75
Dodge & Barnard, lumber,	28.89
Fred Heselton, 2 days,	3.00
Lumber for bridge,	3.15
G. O. Waite, lumber,	.50
W. Heselton, 2 days,	3.00
Justus Lord,	1.00
J. Sanborn,	.30
A. Jones,	7.52
W. Barrett,	.50
O. E. Whipple, plank, etc.,	3.12
J. Bunten,	.54
H. A. Little,	7.75
O. E. Whipple, man 8 hours,	1.20
	\$114.63

F. C. Woodbury, December, 1896 :

Dec.	1. $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	\$1.00
	3. 9 hours,	1.80
	10. $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1.00
	11. 1 day,	2.00
	12. 1 day,	2.00
	12. Man 1 day,	1.50
	22. $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1.00

1897 :

Jan.	5. $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1.00
	23. $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, self and oxen,	.45
	29. Man and oxen,	1.50
	29. Self, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
	30. Man, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.75
	30. Self and oxen, 6 hours,	1.80
Harry Mills and man,	9 hours,	2.70
M. J. Perkins,		.75

H. Smith, 3 hours,	\$0.45
F. B. Heselton,	2.39
Noyes Barnard,	1.42
W. Clough,	.75
C. B. Dickey.	1.00
	\$26.01

SUMMARY.

1896 :	
May bill,	\$410.10
June bill,	136.26
July bill,	48.12
September bill,	131.85
October bill,	70.71
November bill,	114.63
1897 :	
January bill,	26.01
	\$937.68

Report of G. O. Bailey, road agent, from February 15 to April 1, 1896 :

Lewis C. Fitts, labor on highway,	\$16.75
George H. Heath, " "	5.25
F. C. Woodbury, " "	24.31
S. E. Hoyt, " "	23.85
David Heath, " "	6.25
J. E. Barnard, " "	5.85
W. P. Stone, " "	1.00
C. I. Clifford, " "	1.20
C. D. Gile, " "	3.00
C. Mills, " "	.15
John Emerson, " "	2.00
Harry Mills, " "	8.80
A. C. Barnard, " "	43.75
G. O. Bailey, " "	9.04
G. O. Bailey, one day as road agent.	2.00
	\$153.20

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

We are pleased to give a very favorable report for the year. Greater interest has been taken in the library than ever before. Since the first of October the library has been opened for an hour (7:30 to 8:30) Saturday evening, which has been of great advantage to those living at a distance.

Forty-eight new books have been added to our shelves.

It was thought advisable by the trustees of the library that the old and worn books be taken from our list, and a new catalogue made of all the books (which will be issued later).

"Manchester, Up to Date," was presented to the library by the publisher. It is a book of much interest to all.

We hope to add a few new books to our list every year, and in that way increase the interest in the library still more.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH K. CALDWELL,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN
LIBRARY.

	Dr.
February 17, 1896, cash on hand,	\$36.50
December 8, 1896, cash from the town,	57.60
	\$94.10
1896.	Cr.
Apr. 1. Cash to librarian,	\$9.00
for record book,	1.00
wood for library,	2.00
Oct. 1. to librarian,	9.00
Dec. 1. for lamp,	1.00
11. books,	40.00
express,	.25
	\$62.25

February 15, 1897. Outstanding bills :

John Bunten, for wood.	\$2.00
Cash due librarian.	12.00
	\$14.00

Leaving a cash balance of \$17.85.

GEORGE H. RYDER,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON.

The law requires a statistical report to be filed with the selectmen on or before the first day of August, when the school year closes according to state law, yet we presume you expect a printed report as usual.

As a whole, the schools have not been as successful during the past year as we could have wished, and some have even failed to meet our reasonable expectations. A tidal wave of insubordination struck some of our schools, resulting, of course, in a state of demoralization destructive to their usefulness.

It becomes us to inquire what has caused this lamentable evil, and how it can be remedied.

Is the fault with the school-board?

The members are but men and liable to make mistakes, but they have intended to employ none but good teachers, and believe they have succeeded in obtaining teachers that will compare favorably with those in adjoining towns. Not angels, to be sure, for that class of teachers was not to be found; and even angels might not have given satisfaction.

Are the teachers deficient in ability to keep order in school?

Should we accept as true the accusations that fall so glibly and persistently from thoughtless lips, that such and such teachers keep no order, and allow such and such disorderly doings in school?

Rather is it not a deplorable fact that our children, too many of them, are disobedient and boisterous, both in school and out?

Unfortunately for the teachers, for the schools, and most of all for themselves, they have not been trained to respect and obey rightful authority.

Listening to the complaints of scholars, parents are quite too apt to blame the teacher, and indulge in disparaging remarks before their children.

With such material and under such circumstances, how is any teacher to bring order out of disorder, when every mischievous urchin from five years old and upwards, knows perfectly well that no resort must be had to corporal punishment? In fact, any punishment, however mild or however richly-deserved, is sure to bring upon the teacher severe censure and determined opposition.

This is, to our mind, a very great evil. If parents have no respect for the teacher, children soon find it out, and follow suit, and no matter how good a teacher may be, she cannot accomplish much under such circumstances. It might be a good thing for our schools if, as in old times, the birch rod were included in the necessary school supplies. If parents have any grievance in regard to the school, they should never talk of it before their children, but observe the Bible rule, and go to the teacher or school-board with it alone.

When the school-board can have the help and support of parents to sustain and uphold the teachers in maintaining order in our schools, and the scholars be made to know that it is for their best good, then and not till then, can we have good schools.

The possibilities of our common schools are seldom attained. Yet from past experience we know that our schools, when properly appreciated, will give our scholars as good a standing at the age of fourteen or fifteen, as the city schools.

From year to year some go from our schools to the city high schools, passing satisfactory examinations. Now the question is, Why do not all make the same progress under the same conditions? Nearly every one has the natural ability to do this. It should be the purpose of all to secure like results. One of the many causes which prevent this is tardiness and irregular attendance. The statistical report of the past year shows the per cent. of regular attendance to be exceedingly low, while perfect attendance has been reduced to a minimum. Now the result of this is not only a great waste of money, but of unmeasured wrong to our children. Will not the patrons of our schools consider these facts, and act upon them in such a manner as to give to our scholars their just due? The fact that in some of our schools the progress has, without exception, been most gratifying, proves what we may rightfully expect from all.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

John D. Bunten, treasurer of school district, in account with the
Dunbarton school district, for the year ending February 15, 1897 :

Dr.

Cash in treasury February 13, 1896,	\$176.08
School money for year 1896, drawn from town treasury,	1,111.00
Literary fund for 1896, drawn from town treasury,	64.40
Dog license money for 1895 drawn from town treasury,	82.80
	\$1,434.28

Cr.

Cash paid teachers,	\$1,122.50
transportation of scholars,	29.00
wood fitted for stove,	49.00
cleaning school house,	8.50
janitor's services,	10.00
repairs,	25.77
tuition at Goffstown,	24.50
teachers for year ending February 13, 1896.	75 00
tuition at Goffstown, February 13, 1896,	16.80
wood fitted for stove, February 13, 1896,	7.00
janitor's services, February 13, 1896,	2.00
cleaning vault and labor, February 13, 1896,	2.50
Cash to balance in treasurer's hands February 15.	
1896,	61.71
	\$1,434.28

This certifies that I have this day examined the foregoing
accounts of the Treasurer of the Dunbarton school district, and
found the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

DAVID STORY, JR.

Dunbarton, N. H., February 11, 1897.

J. B. Ireland, agent for town school books and supplies :

	DR.
To books and supplies as per report for year ending	
February 13, 1886,	\$340.67
cash paid for books and supplies,	89.69
“ “ J. Bunten for supplies,	1.83
	\$432.19
By books and supplies on hand,	\$40.00
loaned and used,	392.19
	\$432.19
Discount on books loaned and used,	\$58.82
Value on books loaned and used February 15. 1897,	373.37
Account of expenditure for books and supplies :	
For 60 Fry's geographies,	\$46.25
Ellsworth vertical copy books and other supplies,	30.07
algebras,	4.72
New Normal readers,	7.20
express on books,	1.45
supplies by J. Bunten,	1.83
	\$89.69

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE BY TERMS.

CENTRE DIVISION.

First Term.—Oliver Bunten, Ethel Brown, Lizzie Bunten, Inez Brown, Ruth Emerson, Leon Emerson, Ethel Freeman, George Freeman, Anna J. Jameson, Mary A. Jameson, Mabel T. Kelly, Guy Page.

Second Term.—Anna J. Jameson, Mary A. Jameson.

Third Term.—Alice M. Bunten.

N. DUNBARTON DIVISION.

First Term.—Arthur Fitts.

Second Term.—Arthur Fitts, George Fitts.

Third Term.—

WAITE DIVISION.

First Term.—Reid H. Stone, Marian L. Waite, Kenneth M. Woodbury.

Second Term.—Lulu B. Lord, James Stone.

Third Term.—Ethel C. Stone, Reid H. Stone, Marian L. Waite, George L. Waite.

MONTALONA DIVISION.

First Term.—J. Carroll Carter, Frank S. McCrillis, Scott C. Jones, Cyrus C. Wheeler, N. Ernest Wheeler.

Second Term.—Frank S. McCrillis.

Third Term.—

BURNHAM DIVISION.

First Term.—Bertha E. Jones, Nancy M. Morrison, Vernon C. Raitt.

Second Term.—Bertha E. Jones, Arminda M. Law, Willie C. Stimson.

Third Term.—Bertha E. Jones.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE YEAR.

Bertha E. Jones.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	TERMS.	No. of weeks in term.	Salary per month, including board.	No. of boys.	No. of girls.	Total No. registered.	Average attendance.	No. not absent.	Visits by school board.	Other visitors.	No. in reading.	No. in penmanship.	No. in arithmetic.	No. in geography.	No. in grammar.	No. in history.	No. in composition.	No. in physiology.	No. in bookkeeping.	No. in algebra.	No. in drawing.	No. in vocal music.	No. of scholars over 5 than 2 weeks.
Center	E. M. Bartelagh	Spring	10	\$32.00	0	16	32	24	21	4	30	22	22	21	15	6	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Mildred Cliffe	Fall	10	32 00	6	18	24	20	19	5	30	28	26	26	15	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	William Wright	Winter	10	32 00	9	19	28	20	19	1	30	28	28	28	8	23	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
North Dunbarton	Gertrude Currier	Spring	10	30 00	5	5	10	9	1	3	14	10	10	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Gertrude Currier	Fall	10	30 00	7	7	14	10	2	2	12	14	14	8	9	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Nellie Mudgett	Winter	10	28 00	8	6	14	9	3	3	6	14	14	12	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walle	C. M. Elliot	Spring	10	32 00	6	14	12	5	3	3	19	14	13	12	11	9	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	C. M. Elliot	Fall	10	32 00	7	6	13	10	2	4	18	13	13	13	9	8	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Jennie Badger	Winter	10	28 00	5	6	11	9	4	4	24	14	14	14	11	6	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Montalona	E. C. Caldwell	Spring	10	30 00	9	5	14	12	9	3	12	14	14	14	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	E. C. Caldwell	Fall	10	30 00	15	5	20	9	2	3	7	15	20	13	11	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Mary Cahill	Winter	10	28 00	9	2	11	10	4	4	6	11	11	9	11	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Burnham	Phenice Jones	Spring	10	28 00	6	4	10	9	3	5	32	10	10	10	7	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Phenice Jones	Fall	10	28 00	8	6	14	12	3	1	15	14	14	11	7	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Phenice Jones	Winter	10	28 00	5	3	8	5	1	4	9	8	8	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Summary of all schools			30	\$29.87	51	45	96	59	1	100	249	190	196	81	78	40	49	24	21	15	2	16	17	10

DAVID P. WALKER,
BRADFORD BURNHAM,
JOHN B. IRELAND.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of birth.	Name of child (if any).	Sex and condition.			Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.							
Feb. 28				Living	David Story.....	Clara E. Towns.....	W.	Dunbarton.	Farmer.....	Dunbarton.....	Goffstown.
Apr. 6		M.		"	Harvey G. Boynton..	Jennie M. Weed.....	"	"	Laborer.....	Weare	Russet, N. Y.
May 12				"	Ezekiel L. McCrillis.	Mary E. Stevens.....	"	"	Farmer	Dunbarton.....	Springfield.
Aug. 6		"		"	Alfred W. Stanyan..	Edith D. McCrillis..	"	"	Laborer.....	Pembroke....	Dunbarton.
Aug. 8		"		Still b.	Leander Penton.....	Rosa B. Elkins.....	"	"	Farmer	Nova Scotia....	Thornton.
Sept. 12				Living	Wilbert Hambiss....	Miranda Kelsen.....	"	"	Painter.....	Manchester....	Manchester.
Oct. 6				"	John Green.....	Kate Shenden.....	"	"	"	"	Dublin, Ire.
Oct. 18				"		Ella Boynton.....	"	"	"	"	Dunbarton.
Nov. 29				"	Otis B. Greer.....	Olive L. Smith.....	"	"	Farmer	Bow	Weare.
Dec. 16				"	William H. Stinson ..	Ellen F. Conant.....	"	"	"	Dunbarton	Mt. Vernon.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation.	Place of birth.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation of parents.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
May 31	Dunbarton	Odin B. Greer.....	Dunbarton....	26	W.	Farmer	Bow	George W. Greer..	Goffstown	Merchant...	1	Edward M. Parker, Concord, Episcopal priest.
		Olive L. Smith.....	"	23	"	Housewife ..	Weare	Clara Grey	Vermont	Housewife..		
Sept. 6	Dunbarton	Henry O. Reynold.....	Dunbarton....	28	"	Farmer	Grand Isl., Vt.	Albce M. Smith... Socrates Reynolds	Java, N. Y..... Dunbarton.	Housewife..		
		Clara A. Smith.....	"	20	"	Housewife ..	Dunbarton	Frances Dickerson Albce M. Smith....	Grand Isl'nd, Vt Java, N. Y.....	Farmer	1	F. J. Kinsman, Concord, Episcopal priest.
Sept. 6	Dunbarton	Scott M. Wheeler.....	Dunbarton....	22	"	Farmer	Dunbarton	Clara A. Barnard... Christie M. Wheeler	Dunbarton..... " "	Housewife..		Avery K. Gleason, Cong. clergyman.
		Alice W. Merrill.....	Hooksett.....	27	"	Housewife ..	Canada	Clara B. Hoyt	" "	Farmer	1	
Oct. 6	Dunbarton	Jabez W. Weatherbee.	Dunbarton.	24	"	Farmer	Dedham, Mass.	Eunice Merrill	" "	Housewife..		James J. Peck, Baptist clergyman.
		Annie F. Brown.....	"	17	"	Housewife ..	Dunbarton	Chas. Weatherbee.. Sarah A. Lord..... Ellbridge C. Brown. Lucy J. Barnard ...	Walpole, Mass. Dunbarton..... " "	Farmer	1	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Condition.		Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Sex.	Color.		Single, mar- ried, or widowed.	Father.			Mother.
April 1	Alfred A. Colby.....	65	7	20	Dunbarton.....	M.	W.	Farmer.....	Dunbarton.....	Dunbarton.....	Jonathan Colby.....	Sarah A. Perkins.	
May 3	Elvira A. Smith.....	21	9	..	New Boston.....	F.	"	Housemaid... Housewife...	Java, N. Y.....	"	Albe M. Smith.....	Clara A. Barnard.	
June 14	Avery Sanders.....	82	7	24	Dunbarton.....	M.	"	Farmer.....	Dunbarton.....	"	"	"	
Sept. 4	Elizta A. Peck.....	69	..	..	Bennington, Vt..	F.	"	Housewife...	Bennington, Vt.	Bennington, Vt.	Ira Wood.....	Esther Gale.	
Sept. 12	Sarah S. Little.....	58	8	2	Dunbarton.....	"	"	"	Dunbarton.....	Dunbarton.....	Gilman Woodbury..	Nancy Webster.	
Sept. 30	Corra L. Hammond.....	26	..	..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Oct. 2	Lizzie M. Paige.....	49	5	6	Bow.....	"	"	"	Bow.....	"	David Paige.....	"	
Oct. 18	Dan S. Cutting.....	73	4	25	West Point, N. Y.	M.	"	Boarding... Housewife...	"	"	"	"	
Dec. 15	Nancy Woodbury.....	89	11	27	Dunbarton.....	F.	"	"	Dunbarton.....	Dunbarton.....	Stephen Webster....	Anna Woodman.	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

GEORGE F. MILLS, *Town Clerk.*

